

## **Meeting of the Coventry Fire District Board of Directors**

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**> > April, 15, 2009 - Wednesday**

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**> > Opened Meeting: 7:21 pm**

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**> > Board Members in attendance: Gary Cote - Chairman, Shirley Matthews**

**> > - Co-Chairman, TJ Matola and Edward Webster Legal Council present -**

**> > Arthur Capaldi and Chris Pacino Clerk - Robin Leroux**

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**> > 1) Board of Directors Update and Discussion -**

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**> > Gary Cote opened the discussion by introducing Robin Leroux as the new Clerk.**

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**> > The meeting proceeded with the information on a possible offer on the house and property next door. The offer was brought to the Boards attention by Keith Calci, who was not able to attend. The offer was for \$25,000. The most recent market analysis of the property was for \$50,000. Gary Cote and Shirley Matthews discussed checking into advertising the property at public auction with a \$25,000 reserve to see if more money could be earned in the sale. It was also discussed that the Chief took a \$1,000 deposit for the property. Gary Cote stated he did not think the chief had the legal authority to accept a deposit**

and the deposit should be returned. Council agreed it should not be binding. Shirley Matthews discussed the issue of fire fighters parking on the property and the insurance liability for the district or new owner and that special coverage would be required. Gary Cote brought up the offer he was approached with for the property and house. The District would retain ownership with the buyer offering to remodel and try to sell within one year. If the property sells the buyer would pay the district \$50,000. If it did not sell the District would retain the property and all improvements after the year was up. TJ Matola stated they would need to speak with Council for any property sale offers. Gary Cote motioned to research and post public auction with a reserve of \$25,000. TJ Matola 2nd the motion. Gary Cote voted yes, Shirley Matthews voted yes, TJ Matola voted yes and Edward Webster opposed.

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> > Gary Cote discussed the Cola Insurance for the Union employees. He suggested ways of the District funding the expense. One option is to use the money that will be available when payments to former Chief Murk end. Putting that money in CD's or IRA market funds till it becomes self funding. At this time only 3 employees qualify. Gary Cote motioned to negotiate with the union before they go to arbitration. Ed Webster seconds the motion. All board members voted yes.

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> > Gary Cote spoke to District Secretary about the letter to Paul Sprague regarding the Mapledale property. The letter needs to be

revised. The town will no longer carry the property on their Insurance rolls as of May 1, 2009.

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> > 2) Public Comment and Discussion -

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> > Tax office report - read by Gary Cote Collections to date

> > \$885,604.10. Second quarter due April 30th 2009 Balance in Coventry

> > Credit Union to date \$82,221.08, nothing was received from delinquent

> > collections re: Arthur Capaldi 50% of budget is \$1,135,378.74 we  
> > have collected 39% to date.

> > Submitted by: Tax Collector - not in attendance.

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> > The Tax Collector asked when the District will have a Tax Sale, Gary Cote stated he did not like having tax sales, but 50 plus letters have been sent out so far and they can be forwarded to Council.

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> > 3) Adjournment of Meeting -

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> > Gary Cote made a motion for adjournment and it was seconded by Shirley Matthews. All members were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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> > Respectfully submitted

> > Robin Leroux

> > Clerk, Board of Directors CFD

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